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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2, 9 and 10. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 2, 9 and 10, replace the original sheets.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle action, Applicant submits replacement sheets including Figures 1 and 2, which now have prior art legends. In addition, descriptive text labels have been provided for function blocks 13 in Figure 1 and function blocks 102 and 103 in Figure 10. Approval of the replacement drawing sheets and withdrawal of the drawing objection are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-29. With respect to the Examiner's reasons for allowance, Applicant agrees that the combination of features recited in each of the independent claims is patentable. To the extent that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are inconsistent with or add limitations to the claims, Applicant respectfully disagrees because the claims define the invention. In this case, the Examiner's reasons for allowance are not consistent with the independent claims. The Examiner refers to the address of the packet being located in a connectionless or a connection-oriented portion of the address field in the packet header, but the independent claims do not recite different portions of the address field in the packet header. Instead, they simply refer to a first subset of addresses being associated with a connection-oriented control plane and a second subset of addresses being associated with a connection-oriented control plane.

The application is in condition for allowance. An early notice of same is earnestly solicited.

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